

KNIGHTS NAME OFFICERS

Hot Contest for the Place of Supreme Commander.

DR. SAMUEL RE-ELECTED

Lively Fight Also Precipitated Over the Position of Supreme Generalissimo, in Which Sir Knight Hicks Comes Out Best—John W. Hoffman Made Supreme Captain General.

The Knights of Malta held another business session this afternoon at which they elected officers to serve during the ensuing year. The session began at 3 o'clock this morning and lasted until after 11 o'clock.

The election of officers to the Supreme Commandery is one of the most important events of an annual convocation and there was great interest and rivalry displayed in the contest.

The office which attracted the most attention and contest was that of supreme grand commander. Dr. E. W. Samuel, the present incumbent, was re-elected to the office after a heated contest. There were a number of candidates proposed for the place and several speeches were delivered in their support. As one delegate explained "we have had the most exciting time that I have witnessed in an annual convention."

Dr. Samuel got his delegates into line and secured the election by a comfortable majority. There was a great deal of opposition to his re-election. The opposition, however, was not based on the ground that his services during the past year had not been satisfactory. On the contrary all of the delegates stated that they were completely satisfied with the manner in which he had filled the office. After his election Dr. Samuel was surrounded by his friends and brothers of the convocation and heartily congratulated.

The next office to be filled was that of supreme generalissimo. There was another lively contest over this post, but it was finally secured by John W. Hicks, of Boston. Mr. Hicks was recently the grand commander of his state, and he signed and Sir David Robinson was elected to fill his place. At the election today some of the delegates contended that Mr. Hicks had resigned his office in favor of Mr. Robinson in order to give the State of Massachusetts two representatives in the Supreme Commandery. Both Mr. Robinson and Mr. Hicks are in the supreme body. Mr. Hicks, however, was denied by the supporters of Mr. Hicks. There was a number of candidates for this office, but Mr. Hicks' friends rallied and elected him by a good plurality.

The next place to be filled was that of supreme captain general. This office was secured by John W. Hoffman, of Pennsylvania. The most unexpected result was that of the election of supreme prelate. There were half a dozen candidates for this office and some of the speeches delivered were of a humorous nature. The election was won by Edward Gill, of St. Paul.

Shortly after electing these officers the convocation adjourned until this afternoon, when the elections will be continued. The other places to be filled are supreme senior warden, supreme junior warden, supreme first guard, supreme second guard, supreme sword-bearer, supreme standard-bearer and supreme sentry. There have been a great deal of rivalry manifested over these offices, and a lively time is anticipated when the ballots are taken.

The College of Ancient, a ramification of the order, held a banquet at the National Hotel tonight. Prior to the banquet they will assemble at the temple in Pennsylvania Avenue, and hold a business meeting. A number of new members will be initiated, and officers will be elected for the forthcoming year.

The College of Ancient is an order, one of its most distinguished members being Frederick the Great of Prussia. It is composed of one member from each of the 14 commanderies and is very exclusive. While it is a great deal of business, the members of the College of Ancient are active in an entirely different manner from that of the Supreme Order and the details of their meeting is even more secret than that of the higher order.

The Prince of Bagdad, another wing of the general order, held a meeting at the Temple last night. A number of applicants were admitted to the order. After the meeting a banquet was held at the National Hotel. Mr. Frank Williams acted as toastmaster. There were several short speeches, including one by Sultan W. F. of Bagdad, and one by Sultan John D. Hyer.

STOCKS WITHOUT FEATURE.

Apathy Characterizes the Dealings on "Change."

New York, Oct. 20.—There was little or no feature at the opening of the stock market this morning outside of selling in London. There was fractional declines all along the line, but at lower prices there appeared to be some good buying. Manhattan, however, was an exception and raised prices.

There appeared to be considerable pressure in sugar which carried the price below 12. The Pacific and granger stocks were dull and flat.

Government bonds were unchanged. At noon the stock market was trading on fractionally advanced prices. Strong was dull.

New York Stock Market.

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since Good Friday, which is a most remarkable thing for this time of the year when usually business is booming. And all this in the face of the fact that the boomers were promising a record in the other direction not two months ago. London was weak today, and the entire market on this side opened fractionally. There was a decline until 10 o'clock, and then a trifle of a rally. It is unprofitable to talk of what is to come next, but it seems certain at least that it will be anything but good business and advancing prices. Town Topics is the only market adviser of them all that sees any prospect of a rally until after elections. It seems probable that it is wrong if it really believes what it talks. After the elections, if they go in the way that the Street wants them to, it is reasonable to suppose that there will be some recovery of business. A large part of the Street, however, is coming around to the belief that present prices are high enough, and that the best that can be expected is a continuance around present figures.

The Doscher sugar refineries expect to be in operation by the 1st of November, with a capacity for big business. It is said that these people are even more bitterly bent on fighting the trust than the Arbuckle, though as a matter of fact there is a strong bond of sympathy between the two refineries. If not a business bond as well. The trust has not changed its front in the least, and is going about the business of reducing prices in a most determined manner. The trust has the larger amount of money and could, undoubtedly, if it wished, sell sugar for 4-5 cents for a year and declare dividends all that time. Whichever way the matter turns it seems very certain that for a time at least there will be no advance worth noting in sugar stock.

The annual report of the Mergenthaler Linotype Company for the year ending October 1 is a most gratifying one. It is stated that the property holdings of the company have increased largely. During the year \$2,000,000 of dividends were declared, or 20 per cent, making the total of dividends since August, 1888, \$3,565,000, or over 20 per cent on the capitalization of \$10,000,000. The company has acquired many valuable patent rights during the year and seems absolutely invulnerable, with its old ones, for many years to come. In fact, it will be impossible to build any machine anything like the Linotype in opposition to the company for twenty years or more. It is stated that many newspaper and book offices have given up other makes of machines during the year for the Linotype. There are now 4,231 machines in use. In addition to the manufacture of machines the supplying of parts and appliances is becoming more and more a source of profit every year.

It looks very much as if the fight in Toledo were to be decided as in that in Sugar. The Continental Trust idea has been abandoned apparently, or at least for a time. The opposition plants have a large capacity and are as much in the front as the sugar plant.

There are indications very evident that the foreign demand for wheat has not been so strong as it was last year. Reports nearly every day are that Europe will need all the wheat America can give. And the American yield will be fine, too. Chicago operators are looking for a much better price during the next few days.

The Street is still talking of the dividend on Lake Erie and Western preferred. It is very evident that the full dividend was not earned. The price of the stock was declining so rapidly that apparently the company made this play to save some of the holders. It seems questionable if it will prove to be a good one.

Manhattan had an advance of over a point and a half in the first hour this morning. The reason was not evident.

Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales—Belt R.R. 5, 500,000. Electric Light, 10, 100,000. U.S. Electric Light, 10, 100,000. U.S. Electric Light, 10, 100,000. U.S. Electric Light, 10, 100,000.

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West End	100	100
Traders	100	100
Lincoln	100	100
SAFE DEPOSIT AND TRUST COMPANIES		
Nat Safe Deposit and Trust	112	113 1/2
Wash Loan and Trust	112	113
Amur Security	112	113
Wash Safe Deposit	112	113
INSURANCE STOCKS		
Fireman's	28	28
Franklin	28	28
Metropolitan	28	28
Corcoran	28	28
Colonial	28	28
Arlington	28	28
National Union	28	28
Columbia	28	28
Higgs	28	28
People's	28	28
Lincoln	28	28
Commercial	28	28
TITLE INSURANCE STOCKS		
Real Estate Title	75	75
Columbia Title	44	44
Wash Title	44	44
District Title	44	44
RAILROAD STOCKS		
Capital Traction Co.	78 1/2	78 1/2
Metropolitan	123	123
Columbia	70	70
Bell	70	70
Edgington	70	70
Georgetown & Tennessean	70	70
Gas and Electric	43	43
Georgetown Gas	43	43
U.S. Electric Light	111	112
Chenapack & Potomac	45	45
Pennsylvania	38	38
TELEPHONE STOCKS		
Mergenthaler Linotype	184 1/2	185
Linotype	184 1/2	185
American Graphophone	184 1/2	185
Graphophone	184 1/2	185
Pneumatic Gun Carriage	17	17
Washington	123	123
Great Falls Ice	123	123
Norfolk & Washington Steamboat	93	97
Gas dividend		

WHEAT BREAKING UPWARD.

Flourish Similar to the Letter Season.

Excite the Markets.

New York, Oct. 20.—There was an exciting time at the opening of both the Chicago and the local wheat markets this morning. The Liverpool market started prices at an advance of 6d. for cash wheat and 3d. for futures, on account of the international complications. Reports from Chicago state that not since the excitement attending the Leiter squeeze has there been such a sensation on the Chicago curb.

When the market opened pedomonium reigned on the Board of Trade floor. The bears had to take a runaway market. The prices touching 88 cents a few minutes later. The scene enacted in the Chicago pit had its counterpart in the local market. The market at the opening presented an animated scene, with shouting to get wheat at any price and willing to pay 2 cents per bushel more than last night's prices to cover outstanding contracts. Throughout the early trading excitement continued intense.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

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—with the unsuccessful imitations of brother merchants. Hecht's "hour sales" have a bargain flavor all their own, which others cannot equal—for the reason that others cannot quote such low prices. The admirable Hecht organization—unlimited cash—and the power that buying for six immense stores at one time creates—bring values to our patrons that are without question inimitable. During every hour except one tomorrow you can come and feel sure of finding something you want at the lowest price you could expect to pay for it. Scan the list closely and note the hours of the offerings.

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From 9 to 10.

Brill. skirts for 9c.

Ladies' perfect-fitting figured brilliantine skirts, velvet bound—with long hang—very well made and regular \$2.50 value—as a special value for 9c.

Ribbons, 9c yd.

A lot of fine ribbons, in all the most fashionable colors, of very desirable quality—worth more than double—will go at 9c a yard for one hour.

10c shoe polish, 2c bottle.

Tomorrow—just for an hour—we'll sell the regular 10c shoe polish for 2c a bottle in the shoe department.

Infants' 30c shoes, 15c pr.

For this hour we offer the regular 30c infants' leather kid button shoes, in sizes from 3 to 6 years—for 15 cents a pair.

8c muslin, 3 1/2c yd.

A lot of yard-wide bleached muslin, comprising mill remnants of Andovering, Baker Mills, and other brands, all of which will be offered at the piece at 8c a yard—will go at 3 1/2c a yard.

Curtain poles, 8 1/2c.

5-ft. curtain poles, with brass fixtures, all ready for putting up—will go at 8 1/2c a pair. A woman should wear in solid trimmings—will go at 8 1/2c a pair.

Percale wrappers, 25c.

A few light colored percale wrappers and house dresses, which are splendidly made and finely finished—with pretty head trimmings—will go on sale at 25 cents each. There are just five dozen in the lot—which goes on sale promptly at 2 o'clock—will go at 25c a yard.

Red flannel, 12 1/2c yd.

A lot of 15 pieces of fine all-wool red twilled flannel, of a quality that sells for twelve as usual—will go for 12 1/2c a yard.

25c dress goods, 12 1/2c yd.

A lot of fine navy and black bourette suitings, full yard wide—for ladies' costumes and separate skirts—worth 25c a yard—will go at half that—12 1/2c a yard.

30c table linen, 25c yd.

60-inch Turkey red table linen, in plain designs—and the usual 30c quality—will go at 25c a yard tomorrow.

From 10 to 11.

Unbleached muslin, 4c yd.

Fine quality unbleached muslin, which sells regularly at 4c a yard—40 inches wide—the round thread sort—will go at 4c a yard.

Serge skirts, \$2.49.

A lot of ladies' nicely made skirts of black and blue crepe serge or plain serge, with perfect hang, and lined and bound in the best manner—perfect fitting—will go at \$2.49.

Boys' knee pants, 16c.

We put on sale a lot of boys' good, durable knee pants, of various making, and not at all cheap in any way, and offer them at 16c a pair to sensible mothers who want something the boy can romp in to his heart's content.

Castile Soap, 3 1/2c.

For this hour you can get the genuine Castile soap for 3 1/2c a cake.

School handkerchiefs, 2 1/2c.

We will offer another lot of the children's school handkerchiefs, with pretty colored fringes, for 2 1/2c each for this one hour Friday.

Dress braid, 2 1/2c yd.

Choice of all colors of fine quality dress braid, for trimming skirts and jackets—will be offered for 2 1/2c a yard this hour.

Cloth waists, 99c.

Ladies' blue, red, green, and brown cloth flannel waists, with plated yoke back—new and fresh in every particular—not like the old-time waists you'll see selling at odd lots around town—will go at 99c each.

Youths' \$1.25 shoes, 89c pr.

Youths' solid leather lace heel shoes, seamless vamps, and double tops, one-piece counters, sizes 12 to 3—very nice quality—will go at \$1.25—will be offered at 89c pair for this hour.

Child's 75c shoes, 41c.

Lot of children's brush kid patent tip spring-heel shoes, in button style, made of solid leather—in sizes from 6 to 8—which are the regular 75c value—will go at 41c this hour.

Bed Comforts, 39c.

Lot of very good quality bed comforts, covered with soft material, and filled with very soft, fine quality—will go at 39c a pair in the best manner with soft material—will go at 39c for an hour. Nothing at all like the cheap sort at similar prices.

29c dress fabrics, 15 1/2c yd.

88-inch two-toned satin figured dress goods—of a very desirable quality—will make up into the most stylish winter costumes—worth 29c—will go at 15 1/2c a yard.

10c and 12 1/2c flannelettes, 6 1/2c yd.

Lot of Persian figured and plaid wrapper flannelettes—the regular 10c and 12 1/2c—very soft, fine quality—will go tomorrow at 6 1/2c a yard.

Cambrics, 5c yd.

A lot of yard-wide cambrics, which are mill remnants, comprising short ends of Berkeley, London, and New Bedford, will go at 5c a yard.

Blankets, 41c pr.

Lot of heavy quality white double bed blankets, with pretty borders of various colors—will be offered at 41c a pair. They are of exceptional quality—full of warmth and satisfaction.

Ladies' felt hats, 43c.

A lot of ladies' felt, trimmed siller hats, in all the fashionable colors—will go for this hour at 43c.

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From 11 to 12.

Silks go at 19c yd.

25 pieces of fine all-silk 22-inch black china silk—of rich, lustrous finish—and a very superior black—will go at 19c a yard. You have never had a chance to buy such fine silks for anywhere near as small a price as this.

Spool silk, 1 1/2c.

Stamped spool silk of the very best quality—in black only—will be offered at 1 1/2c a spool for this hour's sale.